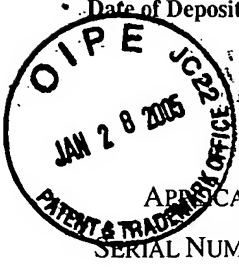


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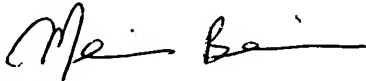
PETITION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one (1) month extension of time for replying to the Office Action, which was mailed on November 26, 2004, in connection with above-identified application. With the extension, the reply is due on or before January 26, 2005.

Please charge \$ 60 (small entity) petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) or any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 502648, reference number Cura-908. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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